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AUGUST RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Charleston, West Virginia – Commercial red meat production during August 2019 totaled 500,000 pounds, this was down 24 percent from August 2018. Commercial red meat production is the carcass weight after slaughter including beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. Individual commodity production is total live weight of commercial slaughter.

Commercial cattle slaughter totaled 572,000 pounds live weight, down 26 percent from August 2018. Cattle slaughter totaled 500 head, down 100 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 61 pounds from the previous year, at 1,140 pounds.

Commercial calf slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Commercial hog slaughter totaled 213,000 pounds live weight, down 29 percent from last year. Hog slaughter totaled 800 head, down 300 head from the previous year. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter was not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

United States – Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.65 billion pounds in August, down 2 percent from the 4.77 billion pounds produced in August 2018.

Beef production, at 2.37 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.93 million head, down 2 percent from August 2018. The average live weight was down 6 pounds from the previous year, at 1,338 pounds.

Veal production totaled 6.0 million pounds, 9 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 50,900 head, down 3 percent from August 2018. The average live weight was down 11 pounds from last year, at 205 pounds.

Pork production totaled 2.26 billion pounds, down 3 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 10.9 million head, down 3 percent from August 2018. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 279 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 12.6 million pounds, was down 6 percent from August 2018. Sheep slaughter totaled 201,500 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 126 pounds, down 5 pounds from August a year ago.

January to August 2019 commercial red meat production was 36.0 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2018. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 1 percent.

August 2018 contained 23 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 4 Saturdays.

August 2019 contained 22 weekdays (including 0 holidays) and 5 Saturdays.

Note: Percent changes are based on unrounded data.